

Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education

Open Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on June 9, 2014 at 8:45 am in room 401 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island. This meeting was held in accordance with the provisions of the Rhode Island OPEN Meetings Law.

OPEN-SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Blier, Diane

Bloom, Elizabeth Brier, Jessica

Cahill, Michelle Cairns, Carol

Jean, Marie

Matthew, Joanne

Raposo, Manuela

Tierney, Anne

Twardowski, Linda

Young, Kristen

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Blanchette, Lynn

Ducharme, Maria

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Twila McInnis, Director of Nurse Registration & Education, Board of Nursing

Kathleen Marino, Case Manager

Jane Morgan, Legal Counsel

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bob Casey

Denise Coppa URI

Chris Gadbois RISNA Sylvia Webber RISNA

David Becker NEIT

Ruth Ricciarelli, HARI/Ctr. Health Professions

Donna Policastro RISNA/ANA

Eleanor Clapprood NPARI

Pam McCue RINI Middle College

Michael Fine HEALTH

Jon Jordan RIANA

8:45 am ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: CALL TO ORDER

**Roberts Rules of Order: Attorney Jane Morgan, Legal
Council**

**Secretary Michelle Cahill: Appoint President Pro-tempa:
Linda Twardowski**

Election of Officers:

**President: Linda Twardowski Motion to approve, 1st
Michelle Cahill, 2nd Anne Tierney All in favor, unanimous**

**Vice President: Elizabeth Bloom Motion to approve 1st
Michelle Cahill, 2nd Manuela Raposo All in favor, unanimous**

**Secretary: Diane Blier Motion to approve 1st Manuela
Raposo, 2nd Linda Twardowski All in favor, unanimous**

**1.0 9:00 am Review and Approval of MINUTES – May 12, 2014 Motion
to approve, 1st Michelle Cahill, 2nd Anne Tierney**

2.0 9:10 am ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

President's Report:

Director's Report

Announcement of new members of the Board of Nursing:

Lynn Blanchette, Education

Maria Ducharme, Nursing Administration

**Joanne Matthew, Psychiatric and mental health nurse
clinical specialist**

Public Hearing: Midwifery Regulations June 18, 2014 12:30 pm

Nurse Practitioner certification and area of practice: Some NP's were licensed under old regulations. We need the language of the national APRN consensus.

Public Hearing: Nursing Regulations July 24, 2014 10:30 am Draft of proposed Nursing Rules and Regs to be posted on the Board of Nursing page for public review. Donna Policastro commented on the need for a timely process of promulgation. Sylvia Webber noted that historically it is a six month process. Pam McCue spoke of APRN consensus support in the nursing community and the need to work together. Jessica Brier informed that a draft will be sent out to be reviewed and commented on. This will be on the agenda for the July meeting. Jane Morgan emphasized that it is posted 30 days prior to

the hearing to share with the public. Pam McCue spoke of a community review and not a formal hearing process. RISNA got the bill passed but has had no input into writing the promulgation and questioned if there were problems aligning the language with the legal language. The draft will be posted for public review and comment for the July 14th BON meeting.

Licensing questions for Michele Monroe, Licensing Aide II. David Becker spoke of delays in testing and the negative impact on NCLEX success. He questioned if there are delays in choosing testing dates.

Michele noted that 161 students are now eligible to take the exam. The only Pearson Vue site is in Warwick. Some students may have trouble scheduling to take the exam with the hours of availability. Pam McCue spoke of a matter of space and the need for the need for new testing sites. Donna Policastro emphasized that nursing is the largest licensing body and the licensing money goes to a general fund. She suggested an ad hoc task force be developed for a newer system for licensing. She would like to sit on the task force.

Pam McCue announced that the Rhode Island Nurses Institute Middle College had 54 graduates with a 100% graduation rate. 39 graduates are pursuing the BSN RN.

Denise Coppa from URI spoke of educational seats on the board of nursing and the rotation of the seat among 4 year schools of nursing. This will be discussed in open session in the July BON meeting

3.0 9:30 am OLD BUSINESS

Reports from the work groups of the Board of Nursing:

Task Force Updating Rules and Regulations, Lead: Jessica Brier:

Task Force on Education, Lead; Maria Pezzillo: Reviewing statistics and paperwork from the schools of nursing

Task Force on Skill Remediation, Lead: Linda Twardowski: Kristen Young will now lead this task force since Linda is now the President

4.0 10:00 am ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

C13-806 Linda Tetu-Mouradjian RN18239

5.0 1:00 pm ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island

General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

Motion: 1st Elizabeth Bloom, 2nd Kristen Young All in favor

6.0 3:00 pm Return to OPEN Session: Motion to Seal the Minutes of Closed Session 1st Michelle Cahill, 2nd Marie Jean

7.0 3:55 pm Final Actions

8.0 4:00 pm Adjourn